



2014 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SELECTBOARD MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2014 7:00 PM

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Chair; Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Peter King.

Public Present: John Leddy, Northwest Solid Waste District; Gabe & Diane Handy; LCATV videotaped the meeting.

Staff Present: Deb Woodward, TC & Treas.; D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman; Katrina Antonovich, Rec. Director and Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes:

10.20.14: *Peter made the motion to approve the minutes as written; Randy seconds the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

10.25.14: *Peter made the motion to approve the minute as written; seconded by Randy. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0. Leebeth abstained as she was not in attendance for the meeting of 10.25.14

10.27.14: *Peter made the motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Leebeth. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Orders & Payroll: Leebeth reviewed the Orders & Payroll.

Public Comment & Correspondence:

1. Parks & Recreation letter, dated 10.28.14, regarding the Visa bill from the Union Bank. The letter was reviewed and a discussion ensued. The plan of action is that Deb Woodward will make the visa payment in person to the Union Bank to avoid any late fees in the future.

2. Smuggler's Notch Snowmobile Club letter, dated 10.24.14, landowner permission form. Action: By consensus of the Board, the permission form was signed by Tom on behalf of the Board. Randy wanted to make sure that the Board was aware that this was from the Smuggler's Notch Club and not VAST.

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D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman:

The position for Highway Maintenance Worker was discussed. The plan is to reopen the search for receiving resumes with a deadline date set of 11.14.14. D. Jay stated the equipment is ready for winter. He has his sand and Barrett's will be delivering salt. D. Jay stated that he's having problems getting tires for the trucks with varying prices. Tom talked to D. Jay about establishing a priority list for paving the roads. He will work on a list which will be presented on Town Meeting day. Tom also asked D. Jay if he has been getting prices on loaders. D. Jay will continue to work on this and get back to Tom.

Gabe & Diane Handy - Vermont Food Venture Lot:

The Handy's are here this evening to talk to the Board about lot MA1126. The Handy's realize that it's in the best interest of the town for pedestrian and traffic safety to keep the lot open and free of any structure. They are proposing an exchange of impact fees for a new senior housing building on Old Academy Street they would like to build next year. The current listed value of the lot (MA1126) on the grand list is \$47,500. Mr. Handy stated that he would donate a park (i.e. veteran's park) on the lot. Tom told Mr. Handy that the Board would look into the feasibility of such a transaction as well as impact to the utility department. Tom said that the Board will establish a timeline and get back to the Handy's.

John Leddy, Director, Northwest Solid Waste District:

John Leddy, Director of the Northwest Solid Waste District was asked to come before the Board to talk about joining the NWSWD. John handed out an informational sheet with options, cost per capita as well as advantages to the community. Randy wanted to make sure that the sludge at the sewer plant would be taken care of as it is currently under the SWIP. Randy asked if they would consider an informational meeting for the public. Tom will run the numbers and see if it would be beneficial \$ to the residents and report back to the Board.

Other Business:

1. W/S credit: A decision made on applying a \$100.00 credit to a utility customer MA1170, Apt. 202 will be reverse to a non-credit due to additional information obtained by Peter King who did the initial investigation.
 2. Katrina Antonovich will be on the agenda for December 1st to meet with the Board to discuss her events schedule as well as profit and loss. Katrina handed out a letter letting the Board know that there will be a change in her work schedule beginning December 1 through January 23, 2015. She's proposing to reduce her work hours to five per week in order to maintain her 2014 budget.
 3. Access Permit Application BH0059. The permit was reviewed along with the pictures provided and the Road Foreman's comments. *
- *Leebeth made a motion to approve the access permit application; seconded by Pete. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
4. Canon Invoice #838097, dated 10.27.14 in the amount of \$308.71: Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer, brought the invoice to the Board's attention as it was higher than usual. The invoice was reviewed and a discussion ensued. It was a busy month for the Rec. Dept. with the various events being held as well as grants being written, which require a high number of copies to go

along with them. We will revisit the terms of the contract for number of copies per month.

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5. Deb Woodward, TC & Treas. informed the Board regarding COBRA and the cost effective 11.1.14. Deb informed the Board that she will be putting the bond money for the new town office into an account so that it does not get rolled over into the general fund at the end of the year.

6. The Payroll & Orders schedule is as follows: November 10 - Tom; November 17 - Randy; November 24 - Pete; December 1 - Chris; December 8 - Leebeth; December 15 - Tom; December 22 - Randy; December 29 Pete.

7. Money was approved to buy a clock for the meeting room.

Adjourn:

8:45 PM - Randy made the motion to adjourn seconded by Leebeth. The motion carried with all in favor 4-0.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Town of Fairfax Selectboard
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